



What is it?

We love apprenticeships! They are a starting point for every profession and career route you can think of. From a Level 2 Apprenticeships through to a degree apprenticeship.

If you want to carry on to sixth form - but you're not sure about A levels - then check out T levels. A new technical qualification, equivalent to 3 A Levels based on the same occupational routes as Apprenticeships.

If you're not quite ready for an apprenticeship, check out Traineeships. These are designed for young people who want to get an apprenticeship or go straight into a job, but don't yet have the right skills or experience.

A new initiative for those that want to be in work. You'll be offered a 6 month, paid placement and you'll get some coaching and support to help you find future employment. You must be claiming Universal Credit to be eligible for this scheme.

The most recognised VTQ is BTEC, but there are many others such as City and Guilds and OCR. As a full-time student you would take a Level 3 diploma or extended diploma - equivalent to 2 or 3 A Levels

Not everyone wants to start work. If you've enjoyed school and want to study academic subjects in more depth then A levels are a good choice for you.

Work or college based?

Work-based - but you may attend college or a training provider for some of your learning.

College-based, but a significant period of time will be spent with an employer.

A mixture - some college-based training, but a significant amount of time in the workplace.

Work-based

College based

School or College-Based

Age and Eligibility?

Anyone aged 16 or over can become an apprentice - there's no upper age limit. There may be some specific entry requirements for individual apprenticeships

T Levels are for 6th form students aged 16 - 18. The requirements for studying a T level vary by course, but generally students need at least 5 GCSE's at grade 4 including maths and English.

Traineeships are open to anyone aged 16-24 that isn't qualified above Level 3 (e.g., A levels)

Kickstart is for those aged 16 to 24 who are currently out of work, and claiming Universal Credit. Your Job Centre will tell you whether you are eligible. This scheme is expected to run until the end of 2021.

The requirements for studying a Level 3 VTQ vary by course and by college but generally students need at least 5 GCSE's at grade 4 including maths and English.

The general requirements for studying A Levels are to have at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 including maths and English, and at least a grade 5 in the subjects chosen for study.

Duration?

At least 12 months, depending on the apprenticeship and the experience of the apprentice.

2 years (there is also an optional 1-year transition programme for students to prepare for T Levels)

Between 6 weeks and 12 months depending on the delivery from the training provider

All placements are for 6 months

There's a huge range of VTQs ranging from short courses to those that 2-3 years. The most common VTQs are Level 3 Diplomas which take 2 years.

2 years

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[Other Government Opportunities](#)

What do employers say about apprenticeships?



'I believe that apprenticeships play a key part in our future workforce and recognise the benefit they bring to the organisation'



Jo Wright, Eurotunnel

'My company has employed 12 apprentices since 2010. Some have qualified and moved on, others are still employed today. Apprentices have brought a young, impressive vibe to my company, so important in today's world.'

Jim Cunliffe,
Face Media Group

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'The apprenticeship route has opened up opportunities both academically and financially for so many staff who now truly believe they can progress all the way up to a degree apprenticeship.'




Western Sussex Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

Jo Hauffe,
Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation

'Darke & Taylor is committed to apprenticeships and our scheme is special because it really delivers; two of our current Board Directors, two Associate Directors, eight senior managers and the majority of our senior engineers completed their apprenticeships with the company.'

Simon
Newton,
Darke and
Taylor

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